past performance in examinations and other co-curricular activities, the attainments of the Faculty, the method of selection of teachers and students, the physical facilities, the management and its structure, resources, etc. The selection of the colleges by the Standing Committee is subject to concurrence by the State Government and the UGC. Thereafter the University concerned can confer autonomous status on the selected colleges.

Launching of new scheme to benefit women and children

911. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to lauch new schemes for the benefit of women and children in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to seek assistance from the World Bank for an extensive multistate nutritional project as a part of Government's efforts to cover areas that are chronically, nutritionally deficient?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to identify areas that are nutritionally, chronically deficient and provide indentified groups with supplementary nutrition, backed up by health services and infrastructure. The proposal is at the preliminary, discussion stage.

Allegations against Indian Institute of Planning and Management New Delhi

912. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Jansatta' dated the 1st January, 1988 wherein serious allegations have been made against the Indian Institute of Planning and Management, New Delhi for admitting students for the Management Studies by making false claims at the time of interview about the status of the Institute and by painting rosy picture about the job prospects of the candidates; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to hand over the matter to Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission which had held in several cases that false claims by an Institute at the time of admission amounts to an 'unfair trade practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. Yes, Sir.

(b) The Governmenthave no *locus-standi* in this Institute. It is for the aggrieved students to approach the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission (MRTPC).

Huge fees collected by the Indian Institute of Planning and Management, New Delhi

913. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite enormous sums of money collected as course fees by the Indian Institute of Planning and Management, New Delhi classes are rarely held because there are no teachers or other staff in the Institute;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some members of Parliament have already written to him and the Minister of State in his Ministry drawing their attention to the anti-social activities of this Institute; and

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) The Indian Institute of Planning and Management, New Delhi, is not an approved institution. A Member of Parliament had written in this regard. She was informed that the Government had no *locus standi* in the Institute and that the aggrieved parties could directly take up the matter with the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission (MRTPC).

Promotions in Central Health Services

914. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that officers of 14 Central Group 'A' services get promoted to SAG level in 8-9 years of total service;

(b) whether Government propose to ensure that the medical graduates in Central Health Service who take maximum time in acquiring the minimum educational qualification be given promotion in 8 years and not after 12 years, as given in the package offered by Government, after the doctors withdrew their strike in July, 1987.

(c) whether Government are aware that at least five Central Group A services have 10 per cent to 13.5 per cent posts of their cadre posts in SAG level; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to ensure that the Medical graduates in Central Health Service posts for whom cadre restructuring to provide satisfactory career progress was recommended by the 4th Central Pay Commission and accepted by Government be given similar percentage of posts, i.e. 13.5 per cent posts in the SAG Level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The period of eligibility for promotion to the Junior Administrative Grade (Rs. 3700—5000) of a Central Group 'A' service is 9 years of service in Group 'A'. There are a few services where the officers with 9 years of service in Group 'A have been promoted to Junior Administrative Grade but in a good number of services, the promotion to Junior Administrative Grade takes longer years of service. The period of eligibility for promotion to Senior Administrative Grade is 17 years service in Group 'A'. Promotion to Junior Administrative Grade and Senior Administrative Grade are dependent upon the number of vacant posts at that level. The posts at the various levels are, by and large, created on structural and functional considerations.

(b) Promotion to the post of Chief Medical Officer (Junior Administrative Level) is not automatic but has to be based on functional needs. Normally a Senior Medical Officer of Central Health Service is eligible for consideration for promotion to the post of Chief Medical Officer (Junior Administrative Grade Level) after 5 years of regular service in that grade. In actual practice it however took more than 10—25 years for a Senior Medical Officer to become Chief Medical Officer (Junior Administrative Grade). With a view to removing stagnation it was decided to relax the eligibility criteria, as provided in the package, to the extent that all Senior Medical Officers with 12 years of Group 'A' Service and 2 years' as Senior Medical Officers will be eligible for consideration to the post of Chief Medical Officer based on the seniority-cum-fitness. This relaxation was allowed so that more number of officers have opportunity for promotion if it is supported by functional justification. The usual mode of promotion to Junior Administrative